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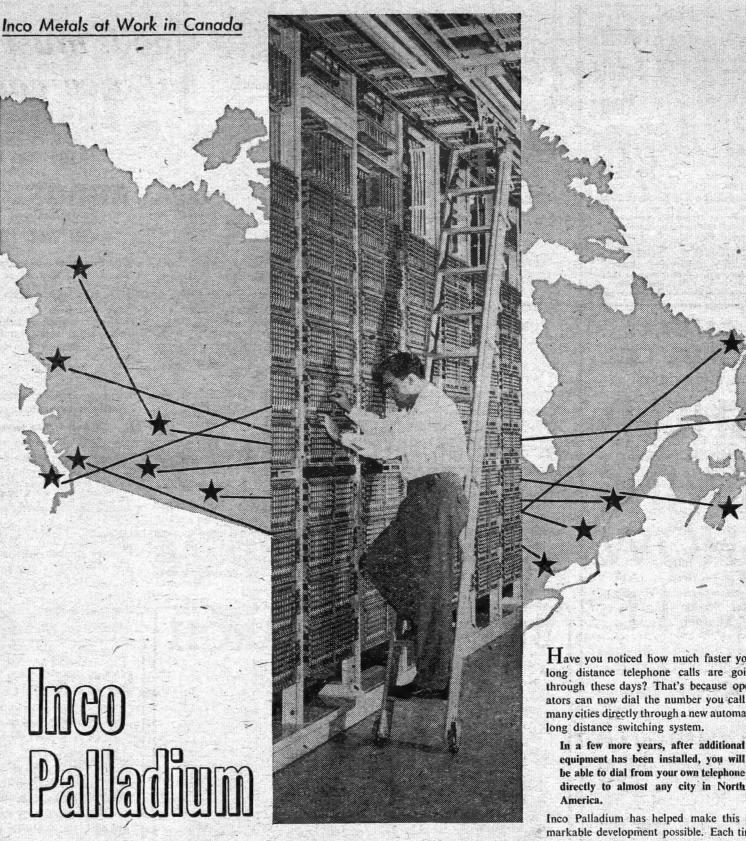
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Editorials...

No stampede in Ottawa... The dogs bark... but the caravan moves on

SOMEONE once said, "Government should be like your stomach, if it's working right you don't know you have it."

This may not apply to Canada's new government, even though for the past few weeks it has been relatively both inactive and unnoticed. What it does indicate is that Prime Minister Diefenbaker has refused to be stampeded into throwing together a gerry-built governing machine and barging pellmell into the Liberal policies that have controlled the nation for 20 years.

Despite the lew critics who are "surprised" that tormer opposition members are not immediately wielding new brooms to sweep aside the policies they criticized for many years, the Prime Minister is going about his business in an orderly way. He is choosing his cabinet ministers carefully, wisely and well.

It is certainly significant that the two ministers most intimately faced with the nation's most pressing problem — marketing of agricultural produce — are both Westerners. The Hon. Gordon Churchill, of Winnipeg, as the new Minister of Trade and Commerce is saddled with the main responsibility, as-

sisted by the Hon. Douglas Harkness, of Calgary, who is in the unenviable position of having to keep up production and a healthy agricultural economy without the convenience of markets or cash for farmers. It will be a long haul of consistent, frustrating labor, and even then the solution may only come about by chance. In fact, no one in the world has come up with a cure-all for the world's trade problems.

Prime Minister Diefenbaker has shown his willingness to tackle the issues when he called for the meeting of Commonwealth Finance Ministers. Canada, which now has the world's strongest currency, will spark-discussions aimed at another universal problem . . . inflation.

But there is still some heckling from the sidelines, from those who pretend they expect some miracle overnight... who demand immediate solutions from the Conservatives based on their pre-election criticisms. However, the government is setting its own pace, and some changes will come about we can be sure.

In the meantime, the dogs bark, but the caravan moves on.

U.S. Co-operation?

domestic tarm policies, the less it is inclined to co-operate with other nations." This conclusion was arrived at by the International Federation of Agricultural Producers, who feel they speak with authority since they clain to represent some 35,000,000 farm families in 25 different nations. Government meddling by their definition would include such things as "protection" of domestic agriculture from foreign competition by tariffs, quotas, licenses and foreign exchange.

Probably no nation in the free world meddles on such a grand scale as the United States, and there is an increasing number of people who feel that this may be a perfect illustration of government interference at home leading to poor co-operation abroad. Apparently U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson is not one of these people. 3,000 incredulous listeners at the world organization watched Mr. Benson keep a straight face while he re-stated the lofty ideals of the United States in world agricultural affairs. He said: "Our agricultural policy is based on three principles:

- We will compete fairly on the world market.
- 2. We will be competitive in quality.

3. We will participte in mutually profitable international trade that gives our customers abroad the continued opportunity to earn the foreign exchange they need to buy our products.

I say again: We will not engage in any cut-throat race for markets. We will not break or unduly disrupt world markets. We are interested in fair play. We want to do the utmost to further the spirit of co-operation among all countries and to achieve an increase in consumption of surplus products."

That's pretty heady stuff to accept from a nation that is causing so much anxiety to millions of farmers in this country.

Financial box score

For a loat of bread:

The consumer pays an average of 191/2 cents

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Everybody makes a profit but the farmer! Wheat is the basic ingredient of bread and one bushel provides enough flour for 48 standard loaves. If the farmer gave away his wheat, it would still cost the consumer 17 cents a loaf!

Goods must balance cash

CURRENT salary scales and tight money policies are being attacked by some Canadians who feel that a fundamental privilege of a free society is to be paid or to borrow as much money as one pleases. These people forget that while we have the right to earn, spend, lend or invest our money, we must play the game according to a few rules.

Money, itself, has value only as a piece of paper. But it can have great inherent value as society's mechanism for facilitating and recording the exchange of goods and services, and like any mechanism it must be kept in good repair to run efficiently. Too much money in circulation will overload the system and cause a breakdown. After all, if we can get all the money we want we wouldnt' want any. No one would be willing to work or part with goods to obtain what is free for the asking. Money must have a scarcity value or it is no good at all. Those who object to restraints in the flow of cash would kill the goose that lays the golden egg.

The classic example of Germany's post World War One inflation seems so long ago. There's an attitude that "it can't happen here"; that in this day and age the printing press would never be brought in to solve a financial crisis. But this is not so ! Just ask some of our Canadians from Hungary what happened to their money in the past ten years or so. They will tell you how inflation hit their economy in 1946, and the very streets became strewn with money. People winnowed out dead money by the fistfuls and threw it in the gutter. Prices jumped to the ridiculous figure of 126-trillion times its pre-inflation value. Every morning the currency was reborn at a new value and it died again when the banks closed. Workers were paid daily and housewives were frantic because they got their husband's pay after the day's money was dead. By sheer velocity of wage and price increases, every wage earner in the great city of Budapest had been reduced to destitution. People who had saved and led decent lives found their old age made useless and senseless.

In sharp contrast to this, neighboring Austria avoided a similar situation when its government intervened and put the economy in a straight jacket while repairs were made to the cost-price mechanism.

But all nations are trying to prevent a creeping inflation from accelerating into a galloping inflation. They are trying to keep the flow of goods level with the flow of money. The British Chancellor of the Exchequer, Peter Thorneycroft, put it this way: "If a nation pays itself 7% more for doing no more work, as happened last year, price increases will follow as the night follows upon the day. No economic or government magic, no system of controls can stop this process . . . The truth is that the nation must either squarely face the problem of inflation and accept the policies necessary to check and curtail it or else it must face a continual decline in the value of its currency."

Canadians must firm up and take their

EDITORIALS...

World army for a common enemy

ONE of mankind's age-old dreams is coming true. . . the dream that all races, colours, creeds and nationalities would forget their differences and bear arms together in a single unified army and against a common enemy.

The enemy — not very violent, true, but none the less deadly — is "ignorance", and the soldiers in the field are scientists and technicians around the globe who are making a many-pronged attack under the code name of the International Geophysical Year (IGY).

The zero hour was on July 1st and the advance is to continue for 18 months. As in any war the costs will be astronomical, but unlike other wars the results will be constructive rather than destructive. Hundreds of millions of dollars are being spent to send out an advance guard of 50,000 scientists supported by thousands of technicians, service personnel, pilots, seamen and mountaineers. Ships are cruising remote oceanic areas taking measurements of currents, the ocean floor, the earth's magnetism and gravity. Balloons and aircraft are being used to explore high levels of air from the Arctic to the Antarctic and around the band of the equator. Expeditions in both polar regions are investigating glaciers, tides, the aurora, cosmic rays and earth tremours. All over the world rockets are carrying instruments 50 to 160 miles high into the mysterious layers of the ionosphere, to radio information back to the earth about temperatures and winds, air pressures and the sun's activity. Most spectacular of all the Americans and the Russians will be launching their artificial satellites, "man-made-moons" which are to be shot beyond the earth's atmosphere into the dark vacuum of outer space. If successful, the satellites will tell scientists many things they wish to know about the sun's full radiation, about meteoric dust in space, about the size and shape of the earth itself.

Canada, it is interesting to note, will be one of the biggest battle grounds since it is one of the largest and most significant areas of the IGY. Canada is bordered by three oceans, with broad areas in the Arctic and lying under the maximum zone of the Northern Lights. About 80 stations are based in this country.

When the smoke clears and the forces regroup, the world may have won a major battle against our ignorance of the planet on which we live. Improvements are likely to follow in weather forecasting, in long-distance radio communications, in navigation and air travel, in world mapping and surveying, in exploration for oils and minerals, and many other benefits which cannot yet be predicted.

One cannot help but notice some odd features of this common army waging a common battle. In the first place, it is the first war, as far as we know, that is being waged without propaganda. And in the second place the union of forces has not been brought about by a sudden kindly turn in man's nature. It was the advent of the nuclear age with its hydrogen bombs that did the trick



Leonard D. Nesbitt

PUBLISHER'S NOTE :-

It was with mixed emotions that we accepted the resignation of Mr. Nesbitt, who stepped down as editor with the publication of the last issue. While we are pleased that he may now have the leisure time he so well deserves and will be able to devote the necessary time to his many personal interests, we are sorry, however, to lose his services and experience.

Mr. Nesbitt was ideally suited to publish and edit a pioneer farm paper like the Farm and Ranch Review. When the agricultural history of the West is finally recorded, his name will be among those who have helped build prairie agriculture into what it is today. His combined talents of farmer and editor were applied to a dozen different publications before he established the publicity department of the Alberta Wheat Pool. It was after serving with the Wheat Pool for almost 29 years that he accepted the offer to edit the Farm and Ranch Review.

We are pleased to state that Mr. Nesbitt's talents will not be entirely lost to our readers, since he will be available in an advisory capacity to guide the paper in future years.

Moving into the editor's desk is a young man with what Mr. Neshitt describes as "ideas and energy" . . . William N. Love. Mr. Love also has experience in many fields. backed by a Batchelor of Science degree in Agriculture from the University of Alberta. He joined the army as a private, serving overseas in World War Two in both the infantry and the artillery, and now holds the rank of Captain in artillery. His journalistic career began after the war in the news department of CFCN, Calgary. Meeting the high-pressure demands of radio news, he expanded and reorganized the entire news department to keep it in the forefront of radio news in the West, and at the same time-often did double duty on farm broadcasts during the absence of the regular farm director. Although retaining his position of overall news director at CFCN, Mr. Love should bring a combination of youth and vitality to this pioneer farm paper.

No socialist ant-hill?

EXPERIENCE is a hard teacher! She gives the test first and the lesson afterwards. The British Labor Party was given its test when it rose to brief power and tried to

carry out its socialist pipe-dreams of complete government management. It learned from experience that there are only two places where complete socialism works—one is a bee-hive and the other is an ant-hill. A recent policy statement by the British Labor Party leads one to hope that the lesson won't be easily forgotten. Here is the statement:

"The Labor Party recognizes that, under increasingly professional managements, large firms are, as a whole, serving the nation well. Moreover, we recognize that no organization, public or private, can operate effectively if it is subjected to persistent and detailed intervention from above."

'In-and-Outers' are usually out

SOMETHING has been happening to Alberta's fur tarming industry in the past year which is almost a text-book illustration of the workings of the law of supply and demand.

The usual complications of government direction, devious freight rates, long-term planning, quotas and subsidies are largely missing and what is left is the simple workings of economics for all to see.

When the tur farmers counted their kit crop this season they found that the average increase was just slightly below last year, or about 3½ kits per female wintered. A depressed fur market early in the year resulted in a number of fur farms ceasing operation entirely and others cutting down on undesirable types of mink. Therefore 10,000 less females were on hand for breeding purposes, and coupled with the slightly lower litter average, will mean about 40,000 fewer pelts for next season.

This decrease is expected to stabilize the fur farming industry of Alberta since only superior breeding stock will be kept. The resulting pelts should therefore bring higher prices to those who stay in. In addition, lowered competition for feed due to less mink has brought the price of fish and byproducts down, and lower production costs allows for a greater margin of profit.

It would appear that the longterm breeder is the one who comes out on top, while the "in-and-outer" operating on a close margin, floods the market with inferior stock, lowers prices and boosts costs, and in the end loses out. The "in-and-outers" in any branch of agriculture cause economic cycles which come home to roost. Many cash-short prairie farmers have quickly switched to livestock to market their grain, but with a possible winter feed shortage, there is a risk that these same people will unload thousands of unfinished cattle on the market ... decreasing average quality and lowering prices. With good barley crops in prospect, the same thing is shaping up in the swine industry . . . an overloaded hog market.

Farmers who jump from market to market with each new trend are making money for the man who is always in at the right time. They usually get in too late and stay too long. Every farmer should take stock of his land, equipment, and general farm potential and then apply these tools to the job for which they are best suited. He will take some losses with the gains, but in the long run he'll come out on top.



Winners of the highest award for proficiency in Alberta 4-H Club work were determined through the Provincial eliminations at Olds School of Agriculture, with some 160 district winners competing. Shown above is the contingent who will represent Alberta at the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto in November. They are, back row: Arnold Malone, Rosalind Beef Club; Blair Shaw, Taber Wheat Club; Harley Michael, Clive, East Lacombe Beef Club; Gordon Rees, Ponoka

Swine Club; Kathleen Lane, Byemoor Wheat Club; Dick Mutton, Sangudo, Pembridge Dairy Club; Gordon Platt, Olds Dairy Club; Keith Langille, Rosalind Beef Club. Front row: Marie Kozack, Round Hill Garden Club; Rosemarie Wenger, Egremont, McKinley Garden and Clothing Club; Glenna Robins, Blackie, Ridgeview Food Club; Louise Roose, Camrose, Ohaton Food Club; Presilla Mewha, Markerville Clothing Club; Joan Butterwick, Brownfield Garden Club.

A little wheat— —a little chaff by Ivan Helmer

It is to be hoped that the new crew in the bunkhouse at Ottawa won't resort to the philosophy of a little poem by M. Keel Jones which appeared in "The Best Humor from Punch".

Election Reflection:
Each day into the upper air
Ascends the politician's prayer:
"Grant me the gift of swift retort
And keep the public memory short."

Women generally presume a husband guilty until he can prove himself innocent.

A tip to gals buying fur coats this season:

A hailstorm in the southern part of one of our provinces this summer was so severe that, among other damaging things, it ripped the fur from rabbits.

A hen gone haywire has been put in Rutger's University agricultural station for observation. Its offence was laying 17 eggs in 5 days. Its confinement is supposed to be for study. But couldn't this be a dodge to prevent an offspring which might upset the entire balance of U.S. egg subsidies; and a whole flock of anti-union egg-layers which would put 2 out of every 3 hens now employed under the axe?

Perhaps the chief offender in playing with matches is Cupid.

From the Kitchener (Ontario) Record:

In efforts to reduce his vast hoard of surplus farm products, Uncle Sam has been bartering grains and cotton for certain "strategic" materials. As a result other surpluses are piling up, such as manganese, mercury, silk and goose feathers.

It must be quite a headache to find a safe place to stock-pile goose feathers in a country that has so many hurricanes. In no time they could be gone with the wind.

This is an age when tillers of the soil have to be on their toes every minute. In Winchester, England, market gardeners have formed a Supersonic Defence League, to lobby against the damage to gardens caused by supersonic bangs of jet planes crashing the sound barrier.

Most people forget quickly — fortunately.

Hunters this fall who bring down a red, green, or orange duck are warned not to blame it on the alcoholic content of their thermos jugs. The birds are being sent out with new plumage in a joint experiment by the State of Florida and some Eastern Canada provinces in an attempt to learn where ducks go and the airlanes they travel by:

Nothing reminds a woman of all that needs to be done around the house like a husband who is taking it easy.

Two middle-aged women who rented a summer cottage sight unseen were dismayed by its isolation. After a night alone they paid an old man, who did odd jobs, to roll out his sleeping bag and sleep in front of their door. Shortly after their departure the old man was seen putting a sign up in front of his shack:

Wood Supplied Odd Jobs Done Nervous Women Slept With.

An insurance executive says a hearty kiss can go a long way toward preventing highway accidents. But he doesn't mean while cruising down the center of the highway with the heart throb forcing down the gas pedal. A good breakfast, a happy home atmosphere, he claims, and a hearty good-bye kiss are often the difference between a good driver and a bad one. company's records, covering trucks and buses, show that "unhappy home life caused by nagging over money, in-laws, and the behavior of children," are the main factors behind poor driving records. So perhaps the best thing to do before getting behind the wheel, is to open up your purse strings, give mamma-in-law a hearty squeeze (not pinch) or two, and don't spare the rod.

Every family should have two cars. The parents might want to go somewhere occasionally.

John Barrymore is supposed to have said that there are three things a woman can make out of almost nothing — a hat, a salad, and a quar-

Those who think a lady can't keep her tongue tied down are mistaken.

Kitty Butler, a 10-year-old North Carolina Miss proved it. For six years she begged for a horse. Daddy said, "No, no. no!" But Kitty talked too much in school. Her teachers complained. On the 27th of June Kitty tried again, "Daddy, I'll do anything if you'll buy me a horse." "If I don't hear a word out of you for a month," said Daddy, feeling no risk, "I'll get you a horse!"

In this case Daddy opened his mouth too far. After a week the silence was unnerving. "For goodness sake," he said, "cut it out — I'll buy you a horse."

But Kitty wasn't taking any chances. She said, by note, what she had to say until July the 28th. And Kitty has her horse. Silence can be golden.

Apparently women suffer from the same ulcers their husbands suffer from.

Kids of the juture may be saved to from the horrors of foreign language study. In Britain the Language Research Unit at Cambridge University is looking into the practical possibilities of translating language by machine. Many a stenographer who can't read her shorthand notes, and many a druggist who can't make out doctor's prescriptions will be highly interested.

When two prospective mothers-inlaw meet, it's like the meeting between two horse traders. Each one is suspicious of what the other is unloading.

Well — if you must kick — kick towards the goal,



Master builder, Hobart A. Dowler, pauses during construction on one of his projects.

WHEN young Robert Rundle, Methodist missionary from England, looked southward over the blue waters of Pigeon lake more than one hundred years ago, the picture must have been much as it is today with tall trees bordering the hillside to the west and a spring of crystal fresh water coursing down through the bushes to the shore of glistening white sand.

It was a perfect spot for a veteran while a 'teenager. mission he had been sent from That's the reason why today the the Old Land to found, in an effort to aid and christianize warring Indian tribes who were living in the region where wild game and fish were plentiful. So after weeks of arduous plodding parts of the United States, but a over the prairies from the east, young reverend Rundle established a tiny mission and chapel Montreal to Vancouver. While at Pigeon lake, now known in the log cabins of the pioneers have virtually disappeared, Mr. honor of that founding as Mis- have virtually disappeared, Mr. sion Beach on the northwestern Dowler has restored rustic shoreline near Fishers Home, structures to a new popularity and sixty-five miles southwest and hewed masterpieces from of Edmonton. Between these two points a century ago and for more than fifty years after ran the historic Pigeon lake trail where eminent white men and in thousands from many parts thousands of Indians travelled of the world. "Hobe" and his its tortuous way through the son Bill Dowler, and their staff wilderness with furs, fish, pro- of expert axemen trained by visions and Bible, before home- Dowler senior, have built the old visions and Bible, before home-

ciations of Mission Beach are overlooking the Elbow river in

"Hobe" Dowler master craftsman of a pioneer art . . .

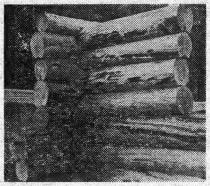
-Alberta's Paul Bunyan builds log cabins from big timber

grows with holiday throngs and the host of summer campers. in 1873, and now is engaged in One of those who has brought building a 40 by 100-foot Meold history back and given new color to tradition is Hobart Dowler, whose home for some years has been almost on the site of the early missions and whose some log hall with wings and lake view is almost identical fireplace for the United Church with Missionary Rundles in the 1840's.

You might say that "Hobe" Dowler grew up in the lake country for he was only a boy when his parents and family came from the Ottawa district of Ontario to the Millet region once an outlying region of aland homesteaded almost sixty years ago. He didn't get much school-house education but "Hobe" learned to swing an axe with the best of them and "saddle notch" log buildings like a master craftsman of Pigeon lake might well be termed the Paul Bunyan of Alberta, not a mythical character honored by huge the big timber fifty miles west of Pigeon lake which now excite admiration in Calgary, Banff and Fort Macleod from visitors steaders and grain fields erased fort, cabin and stockade at the it from the face of the land. Calgary Stampede grounds, the But the history and the asso-Southern AlbertaPioneers' cabin

not being lost. Rather they are Calgary, the new fort at Fort being remembered and restored Macleod, recently dedicated in as the popularity of Pigeon Lake honor of the first Northwest Mounted Police post at Macleod in 1873, and now is engaged in morial Cabin at Edmonton for the Northern Alberta Pioneers' and Old Timers' Association. This follows erection of a handof Canada's youth camp at Pigeon lake on a 225-acre pro-perty extending along and back from the lake.

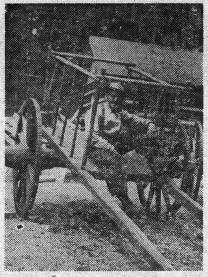
> For all these handsome buildings Mr. Dowler obtains spruce logs in the vicinity of Buck lake,



"Saddle notches," up-to-date by the Dowfer method. In addition to airtight corners, the logs are grooved and insulated.

most primeval wilderness but now near a highway to Drayton Valley and the rich Pembina oil-field. These logs are tall and straight without a surplus of limbs, and once they are transported to Dowler's home building yard they are peeled, treated to prevent discoloring and cracking, and fitted with the neatness and accuracy of fine furniture into the cabin or fortress to be. All these buildings are first erected in the Dowler workyard, then carefully numbered and moved to their permanent site, whether it be Macleod, Calgary, Banff or Edmonton, and where each timber drops neatly into place.

Recently after the new Fort Macleod had been grooved and dove-tailed at Pigeon lake, the Dowlers loaded 350 logs on one truck and trailer for the almost 300-mile trip to Macleod, this load weighing more than 17 tons But don't worry about the highway. The load had so many rubber-tired wheels under it that government officials were quite agreeable to it being given a right of way during the night. left tangible and lasting me When erected at Macleod the ials to both the early settler 200 by 235-foot stockade, 12 their own skilled industry.

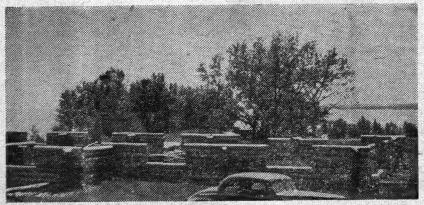


The Dowler family also custom build Red River carts, without the use of nails or metal. Sitting in this one is Mission Beach, sage and pioneer, Axel Sandstrom.

feet high, and the four block-houses at the corners, went into place with every bolt and peg fitting perfectly and the huge gates swinging together as if measured and shaped on the spot. Hobe Dowler not only is an expert timberman, but he's a self-trained architect of unusual ability, and plans for each structure are blue-printed down to the last nailhole. Already he has prepared plans for a Mount-ed Police museum within the Fort Macleod stockade, though this work will not be undertaken until Ottawa give the go-ahead.

When in his twenties after leaving the farm west of Millet, Mr. Dowler became a grain buyer and soon after superintendent for a big grain company's Alberta elevator system. While with this firm he pioneered the western route for prairie wheat growers, and was the first to ship Alberta grain across the Pacific and down the west coast. Also in his busy life Hobe, still keen and erect, found time to climb more than 50 major peaks in the Rockies from Alaska to Mexico, and have a look at something like 250 glaciers. He belongs to several scientific societies and has contributed articles on the grain trade and geographic excursions, to periodicals and now is having his portrait painted by that well-known artist, Nicholas Grandmaisson of Banff. While this is going on Dowler is going ahead with work on the Old Timers' cabin at Edmonton, and talking over plans for an Old Timers' cabin at Red Deer, a museum at Banff, and pondering over offers to build log cabins at Montreal and Winnipeg. Meantime he has built several Red River carts which will be seen at Macleod, Calgary and Edmonton, these being fullsized replicas of the old wooden carts which travelled the plains from Winnipeg to Edmonton in the eighties.

Certainly, when the last of the pioneers has left us, "Hobe" Dowler and his family will have left tangible and lasting memorials to both the early settlers and



The Edmonton Oldtimers' Memorial Cabin under construction by the Dowler family at Pigeon Lake, west of Lacombe, Alta. Once completed, it will be taken down, each log numbered and reassembled on the river site at Edmonton.

Pellots

efforts is directed towards the queen bee. The Brandon Experimental farm has an apparatus to do the job. The aim is to improve bee strains, which was impossible under the natural mating conditions of the

PERFORMANCE testing in the poultry industry can be an administrative headache. One company working toward improved breeds was forced to introduce an I.B.M computer to handle the paperwork involved in keeping the record on every bird, in every test pen for every generation. Hundreds of thousands of cards are on file, each one dealing with a single bird and its history.

SHARP promotion, increased efficiency growing public demand have helped poultry producers. Production of broilers in the United States last year was 45,302,000 birds. They sold for an average of 19.6 cents per pound.

FEDERAL agriculture inspectors had to work 12 hours a day this spring to check over potato plants in which he planned to sow barley, being imported from the United grubs and cutworms appeared on the States through Windsor. Of the over surface of the ground in surprising 44 million plants brought in considerable numbers were rejected for dis-

THE Saskatoon Field Man for Chipman Chemicals says that stastics show that for every dollar spent on proper insecticides ,the farmer averages a return of about \$52. He says that insects alone cut the nation's crop production by TO per cent, or about \$300-million annually.

BECAUSE interest has waned in the Farm Radio Forum, the extension department of the University of British Columbia is severing its active connection with that feature. spring there were only three farm groups operating in forum

STUDIES at Brandon Experimental Farm estimate the operating life of tractors at 10,000 hours; tillage machines, 3,000 hours, and seeding and harvesting machines, 2,000 hours.

THE nine-year-old Ayrshire cow, Cherkley-Missie 7th, owned by Lord Beaverbrook, is the leading animal of the breed in Britain. Her average yield was 1,918 gallons of milk with an average butter-fat content of

 ${f R}$ ETURNS per box to British Columbia apple growers, from the 1956 crop, were the highest in history. But the crop has about half normal size and production was down in the U.S.A.

THE primary industries - agriculture, forestry, fisheries, trapping, mining and electric power — now employ only about 20 per cent of all FOR the first time in the last eight years working Canadians.

ROBERT G. GOOD, of Brantford, Ontario, raised a Holstein steer until It 18c a 1b., a total of \$352.80.

T is only taking Canadian cerealists half the time they previously took to develop new cereal varieties. They can now increase the supply of cereal seed from a single pound to about 75 bushels in a one 12-month period, by growing second crops in California during Canada's winter months.

CANADIAN labour need not look to the United States for greener fields. In the 1946-1956 period, labor income in Canada jumped 168%, compared to the increase of only 104% in the United States during the same period.

OUEBEC is still Canada's top producer of maple syrup. Canada's 1956 crop of maple syrup totalled 2,-677,000 gallons, of which all but 342,000 gallons came from Quebec.

A 1 the end of 1956 women comprised 24% of Canada's total labour force. Of the working women, over 40% were

A SIDE-LINE benefit from applying anhydrtous ammonia fertilizer at 50 pounds or more per acre, is reported by J B Concoran, of the Brookville, Alta., district A few minutes after applying the tertilizer to a field numbers. Crows and gulls swarmed and took their fill of the unusually bountiful meal of insects. Some farmers report that this fertilizer will also kill out gopners or "moles" when applied to grassland.

THE Maritimes have struck a windfall in their overseas potato sales. Repeating last year's purchase, Venezue!a has placed an order for \$1,250,000 worth of seed potatoes to be shipped from the East coast in October.

MANITOBA is the safest place to live in Canada. In a list of the death rates for accidents - traffic, home, industrial - per 100,000 people. Manitoba is right at the bottom with 47.9% killed in accidents. British Columbia has the highest rate—64.2% and is, therefore, the most dangerous place to live. Manitobans may well be pleased with their record, however, a closer look will reveal that they are only the third safest on the highways.

THE Meat Packers' Council of Canada has launched its intensive on-the-spot ination of slaughtering methods car ried out by Canadian meat-packing plants. A preliminary investigation includes the study of alternative methods of slaughter as the captive bolt pistol and con clusion stunner, carbon dioxide anaes-thetization and electrical stunning.

A SINGLE rat in a grain bin eats or destroys about \$20 a year . . . and you pay the bill. This doesn't take in the other extensive and costly damage caused by rats.

ship to enter Port Churchill harbour this on. The honor of being the first ship to dock went to the S.S. Nordmeer which arrived on July 31st to load a cargo of grain. The S.S. Warkworth arrived just a was three years and four months old. few hours later, and discharged some 2,000 it then weighed 1,960 lbs. and sold for tons of carge from Britain and for Western Canada before loading with grain.

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Land-use is everybody's problem

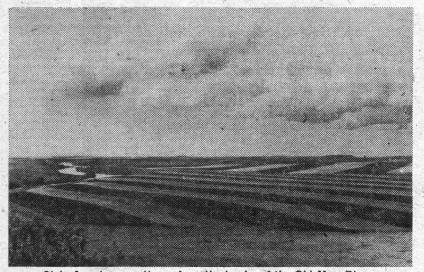
-by Grant MacEwan

IT becomes increasingly eviusual agricultural practice to be dent that every province reasonably profitable, at least, has some land-use problems — until forest exhaustion on the employed uneconomically or un-wisely. Western people have stable as long as they had the heard many times about the protection of trees and native in the homestead years when neither federal nor provincial induced young people to move government had sufficient infor- away. There were other consemation concerning soil and cli-

Most people have knowledge of some area whose virgin fertility was sufficient to produce a few good crops immediately after the sod was broken, but for of soil and climatic conditions, could not continue to produce by taries. the usual grain growing A land-use survey was under-methods. In many such in- taken and a program of rehabili-

areas in which the soil is being agriculturally poor soil brought land settlement mistakes made grasses, began to erode and the increasing want on local farms quences: excessive silting in the arbour at Port Hope resulted from the greater loads of waterborne soil leaving the farms; seasonal floods became more numerous and more severe; and speckled trout, once plentiful in reasons of soil or a combination the Ganaraska River, confined themselves to the upper tribu-

stances, farms were abandoned tation recommended. It was but not before the original cover clear that much of the land



Strip farming practices along the banks of the Old Man River near Lethbridge, Alta., prevents destruction of valuable land by wind erosion.

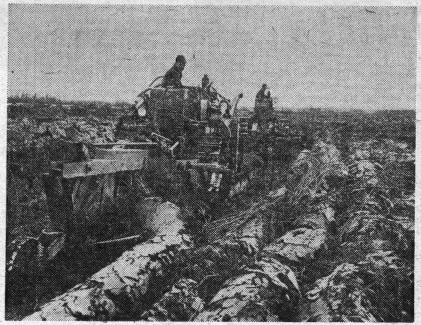
and the farmer or homesteader caused to suffer some degree of financial ruination.

program for land which, even in a booming period of oil development, is Canada's most valuable asset. Western Canadians have most at stake. By far the biggest part of the nation's arable soil is in three provinces — Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta - and in large measure, Canada's progress will rise and fall with success or lack of success in conserving and using soil in that area.

One of the Eastern Canadian demonstrations showing the consequences of mis-use was the Ganaraska Watershed, an area trict well favored with trees and use of grass and legumes. running water and settlers were The most costly errors and attracted. Pioneer farmers demisfortunes in land occupation voted part of their time to log- and cultivation were between ging and lumbering and found 1905 and 1914. By 1939, roughly such operations combined with 4,000,000 acres of land being

of native grass was destroyed would grow trees well but not cereal grains without inviting the danger of ruinous erosion. The most important conserva-Nothing in agriculture is more tion measure proposed was a basic than a sound utilization return of 20,000 acres of marginal and submarginal land at the north of the watershed to forests. Now, many of the mis-takes of earlier years are being corrected.

Manitoba has not witnessed as much wind erosion as the neighboring province to the west but Manitoba has had to face serious water erosion problems — sandy hillsides that were both productive and secure while covered with grass but danger-ously vulnerable to the costly losses of water erosion when exposed to ordinary cropping methods. Manitoba is presently of a hundred square miles in embarking upon a program, the Durham and Northumberland ultimate objective of which is to Counties, north and west of Port anchor some 3,000,000 acres of Hope. Originally, it was a dis- erosion-threatened land, by the



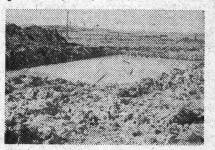
They're still breaking new land on the prairies but they're also putting some back to grass

farmed in Saskatchewan were classified as submarginal and therefore unsuited to cultivation by ordinary methods. During the years of severe drought in the '30s, many residents on inferior locations moved and rehabilitated themselves; an estimated 10,000 farm families left southern districts and settled in the park belt to the north. And after the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Act became law and Saskatchewan had a Land Utilization Board, other farmers on submarginal lands were assisted in finding better situations.

After 1937, many of the more troublesome parcels of land were taken over by the Crown and marked for Community Pastures, with assurance that cultivation would not again be permitted.

In Alberta, the Special Areas Act of 1927 was an attempt to meet some of the problems of drought and improper land-use. It was directed at the east-central area, since known as Tilley East. Prior to the passage of the Act, a commission appointed in 1926 was instructed to report, among other things, on: "the among other things, on: "the nature of the land in the district and the use to which the same may be most profitably put; and the measures necessary to bring the said land into such profitable

By this time, soil surveys and meteorological data were available and the commission recommended that the particular area into which so many settlers en-tered with high hopes and left with discouragement, be "closed", with no more land being alienated from the Crown. Coupled with this, administration of



Farm and Ranch Photo. Thousands of farm dugouts have helped keep dry farms producing.

the area was to be by a government-appointed board.

As in the Province of Saskatchewan, provision was made for removal of settlers to better sites and the setting up of Com-munity Pastures. As the human population in the block was reduced, the thinning down allowed each remaining land operator a bigger acreage. Hence there was less necessity for an intensive type of agriculture. shift was toward grazing and as the grasses re-established themselves, the dangers associated with wheat failure and soil drifting were lessened.

The soil survey work started



This farmer's top soil will stay put when the strong winds bo Instead of burning the stubble he's keeping it for trash cover.

in the Mid-West in 1921 and conducted co-operatively by Universities and Provincial and Federal Departments of Agriculture, has progressed steadily and broadened the base for improvement in land utilization. The classification and mapping of western soils continues and every agriculturist must recognize the great value. But while important advances have been made in land-use, it would be a mistake to suppose that all the wrongs have been righted.

In both Saskatchewan and Alberta, numerous farmers are still operating on land that fails too frequently to furnish sup-port. This is most apparent from the record of Prairie Farm Assistance Act which provides payments in areas of crop fail-There was no P.F.A.A. program in 1942 but otherwise, between the years 1939 and 1935, inclusive, Alberta had 52 townships whose farmers qualified for P.F.A.A. payments in 12 land utilization have not been in out of the 16 years while 28 the southern and prairie disout of the 16 years, while 28 the southern and prairie distownships qualified in 13 out of tricts. Even in recent years, the 16 years; 12 townships quali- settlers have been allowed to go fied 14 times and two townships qualified in 15 out of the 16 have produced little more than A brief submitted by the of a protecting blanket of grass. years. It must be clearly appardisappointment. The Wanham Rocky Mountain Section of the Land-use is important. Govern therefore, that many farm-district in the Peace River area Canadian Institute of Forestry ernments have a responsibility ers are still trying to produce would furnish some distressing to Alberta Government authorbut remedial measures can and wheat under unsuitable condictions and that the job of correct-with land from which they 21, 1956, recommends a high use is everybody's problem.



Sask. Govt. Photo. Draining this slough near Wolseley, Sask., turns waste land to

onto some northern lands which

ing mistakes in land-use is far found it nigh impossible to meet the relatively small payments. Such operations are detrimental to the occupants who could be working better soil and to the land itself which could serve a progressive purpose in a grass and tree program.

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priority for permanent forest cover on certain lands and states; "The need is particularly great in land use policies because there are few relationships more basic to our welfare than those which exist between us and the land . . . It is not too late, nor too difficult, to prepare plans on a regional basis for better land use ...

Fortunately, a big part of our western soil is suited to grain growing. Some lands in northern districts will grow trees better than anything else and many of them should be safeguarded for forestry. All our soils are capable of growing grass, and grass must be seen as the logical alternative when, in most farming districts, land proves submarginal for cereal grains.

Grasslands do not commonly provide as much dollar-return per acre as grain lands, but even moderate yields of forage can be more profitable than poor crops of grain. There are still many areas of cultivated land in the mid-western provinces that would benefit by the treatment



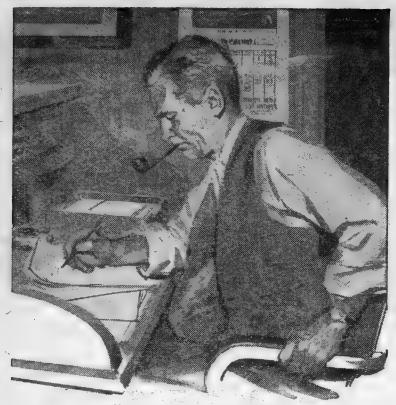
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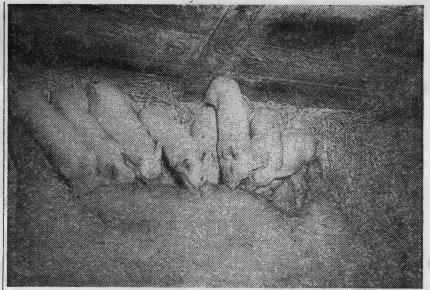
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the farmer who keeps no record as changes in the market deof each young pig is culling by velops, contributes to permanguesswork. The big operator ency in the business. When the
knows and practices this technique, but the small farmer who
just keeps a "few pigs on hand" stock on hand for rapid expancannot ignore the advantages of keeping sound records. It's the to soar he is in a position to
man with the top breeding stock boost production rapidly by sewho stands to make the greatest lecting future brood sows from
profits when the market is right. profits when the market is right, his immediate litter. This selecand who can quickly turn a sudden supply of cheap feed to dol-lars in his pocket. The individual who attempts to run pigs on the "in and out" plan is very apt to find results disappointing since he's likely to be in when he should be out and out when he should be in. The "in and out" the cream of the profits he misses the best and interest by policy disturbs the market and misses the boat and just gets by. gives rise to instability which can be detrimental to the regular producers. But on the other hand, it allows the regular producers to capitalize on the big money from a sudden market

YOUNG fast-growing pigs larily, slightly raising or lower-change in development and ing the number of brood sows the farmer who keeps no record as changes in the market detion, if done without proper records, is done by guesswork, and instead of being ahead of the game, the farmer may find his initial advantage neutralized by expanding into a second-rate herd. Instead of skimming off

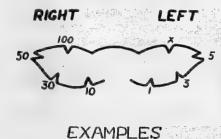
If any record of individual pigs is to be kept at all it is necessary to first identify each animal soon after birth. This article is concerned only with this one elementary but important operation. Tattoos and The man who keeps pigs regu- ear tags are official systems for

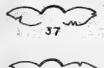


This young pig won't get lost in the litter. His ear notches mark either a long one or a short one, depending on his growth and performance.

identifying registrable pigs, but Siamese twins the more simple method commonly adopted for private use is the ear-notching system, in which a "V" shaped notch is cut out of the edge of the ear with an ear notcher. Use of such a simple system will greatly improve selection, as both litters and individual pigs are identified. This system is flexable enough to encompass hundreds of pigs.

Various combinations can be worked out, but it is suggested that the first litter be allocated to the first 20 members; the second litter to the thirties; the third to the forties, etc. By notching in this way we find all the litter numbers coming out on the right ear because this ear determines the numbers by tens. This allows the farmer to pick out animals of a particular litter with accuracy and speed. The left ear is used to number each individual within a particular litter, since this ear deals only with numbers from one to ten. In the case of sows with large





A simple system of ear-notches-for identifying the new-born pigs.

litters, the first 10 pigs are notched 0 to 9, with he eleventh receiving an X, the twelfth IX, etc. See the diagrams for examples.

It may also be noted that two notches at the bottom of the left ear where 1 is placed, equal 2, or two similar notches on the right ear equal 20.

A notch at 1 and 3 on the left ear equals 4 or a notch at 1, 3 and 5 equals 9. Similar notches on the right ear would equal 40 and 90 respectively.

Ear notching is the first step in keeping accurate records on the farm. In the next issue we'll consider record forms to help the swine breeder select for sale or breeding and in the long run, for cash profits.

Perseverance is more prevailing than violence, and many things which cannot be overcome when they are put together yield themselves up when taken little by little.



Dr. Smith, veterinarian for the Pincher Creek district of Alberta, beside the Siamese twin calves born on the Dumont Brothers' farm near Cowley. The cow was old and had had several normal births in previous years so no concern was felt until she began having difficulties. Dr. Smith felt that he may have saved the animals if he had been on the scene on time, since each was normal in every way except for being joined together at the hindquarters. The picture was sent in by Mrs. A. Dumot, of Cowley,

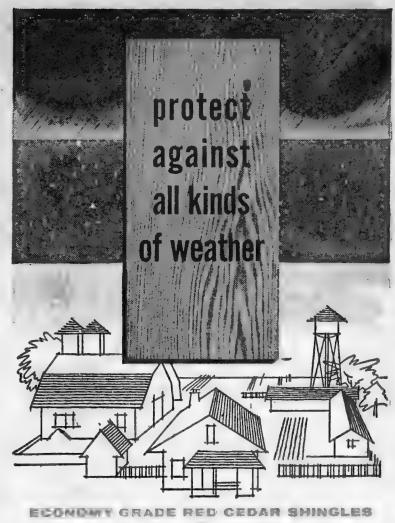
Packer's dollar

THE livestock dollar and how it is divided has been revealed to producers in the 30th annual report of Canada Packers.

Fairly complete details appear elsewhere in this issue, but for those who don't have a mind for graphs and figures, we may perhaps underline several interesting conclusions.

In the first place, it is remarkable that a firm with millions of dollars invested in property and equipment and dealing in other millions for operations, is able to manage successfully on such a small margin of profit. Last year's net profit amounted to less than one per cent of sales. President W. F. McLean states, however, that this narrow margin is not unusual since the average net profit of the packing company over the past 30 years has remained at less than one per cent of sales ... or less than 4c per pound on meat,

It may also be significant that this year's profit is down a little from last year, even though dollar sales of the company jumped some 7.6%. Mr. McLean predicted a good year ahead for livestock men, with prices for hogs on the increase, more beef being consumed at home and the poultry industry making such advances as to give other meat producers strong competi-He stressed quality of products in boosting the earnings of producers, since any increased earnings for better quality go almost straight back to the producer because the packers' expenses remain almost steady regardless of the quality of the meat.



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The last buffalo

- by Kerry Wood

WHO killed the last wild W buffalo on the unfenced lands of the west? There you have the makings of a grand argument, because almost every region has an authentic buffalo record. In our part of Alberta, it is believed that a starving band of Cree Indians found and killed a small group of buffalo cows and calves on the banks of the Red Deer River near the present site of Trochu during Another rumour con-1888. cerns two brothers who set out from the tar-paper shack-town of Calgary in the spring of 1893, and they were able to track down and shoot a bull buffalo near the pioneer stopping-house of Content. The brothers are reputed to have been commissioned by a wealthy westerner, who paid them \$50 for the of an era that had ended.

Half a century earlier, there were fifteen to twenty million buffalo roaming the plains of North America. The primitive population has been estimated by experts as being around sixty millions, but by 1830 the count was less than a third of the original total.

Man hadn't taken the whole toll. The garrulous Alexander Henry, a fur-trader stationed in the west around 1800, recorded that during one day's horseback ride along the banks of the Saskatchewan River he counted several thousand carcasses of buffalo stranded in the stream. Apparently animals tried to cross thaw-weakened ice every spring and crashed through to drown by the thousands. Severe winter blizzards, hot prairie fires, grizzlies, wolves, cougars, and drought all preyed on the vast herds.

Indians killed more than they needed at times, especially dur-ing cliff drives. The shaggyshouldered buffalo were chased over a cutbank to fall to their deaths, and Indians sometimes boundary between Alberta and discarded part of the kill after Montana. Strangely, the calves

but hides. Hundreds of these who paid \$250 each for the hunters were abroad on the "domesticated" buffalo.

Great Plains at one time. Early lived on buffalo when they could, while the first ranchers and farmers regarded bison as enemies because they wanted the grasslands for beef.

Thus every hand was turned against the massive beasts, and by 1900 less than a thousand were alive on the whole continbuffalo head to obtain a souvenir ent. The last wild one was killed — when? The latest date I have is 1907. In that year the chief of the Stoney Indians of the Kootenay Plains, a man with adopted name of John Wesley, killed an aged bull near the present site of Nordegg, Alberta. Yet it is possible that Chipewyans killed wild buffalo later, because the wood buffalo species survived amid the remote forests west of Lake Athabaska long after the prairies were fenced. A base-line survey party working that northern territory during 1916 reported seeing a few buffalo roaming west of Lake Athabaska, so the Canadian government made the area into a preserve called Wood Buffalo Park. Thus it is possible that a hungry Chipewyan Indian shot the last really wild buffalo as late as 1916.

How was the species saved from extinction? Facts have it that a Pend d'Oreille Indian named Walking Coyote captured four calves during 1873. He'd killed the parent animals, then the orphaned calves followed the hunter's horse to his camp near the Milk River on the taking robes, tongues, and the choicest cuts to make permican. History proves that the kill-dian-tamed buffalo numbered ing lust of whites was greater the the control of t than that of Indians. A white ote decided to sell them. The hunter would sometimes shoot Hudson's Bay Company factor over a hundred buffalo per day tried to buy them, but was from a good stand, keeping four beaten out by a partnership of skinners busy salvaging nothing C. A. Allard and Michael Pablo,

In 1893 the same partners railroaders shot thousands of bought the remnants of Buffalo animals too, because buffalo Jones' fenced herd of 26 animals damaged the right-of-way, at Omaha, Nebraska, and Every dignitary visiting the brought them to Montana. Al-west shot a few, Indian-fighting lard and Pablo had a healthy soldiers of the American army herd of 300 buffalo by 1896 when Allard died. At this stage the Canadian Government negotiated for the herd. The last round-up of the buffalo started in 1906 and continued for three rugged years, with seventy-five tough cowboys taking part. Eventually six hundred animals were corralled and shipped by rail to Canada, to the newly

created Wainwright Buffalo Park. They were destined to become the parent stock of all Canadian herds and zoo animals except for the wild survivors near Lake Athabaska, whose numbers were augmented around 1940 when the Wainwright Buffalo Park was closed.

This typical North American animal did not originate here. The bison's homeland was in Asia or Europe — the buffalo is a close relative of the extinct aurochs or wild ox of old-time Germany. When camels and tiny horses were migrating from their North American homeland across the land bridge connecting Alaska with Siberia before the last Ice Age, a counter migration took place which brought bison from Asia to which America. They spread all over our green pastures and increased to sixty millions. Today there are probably 25,000 alive on the continent, and we use cameras instead of rifles when we shoot



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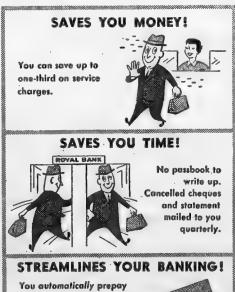
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For the past 30 years the packers have tried to encourage castration by paying a premium on ewe lambs and wethers of one cent per pound, with a twocent differential in the fall Grass — St months. While boosting pro- a top crop duction, prairie sheep-owners are also keeping up the quality by castrating . . . and thereby keeping up their profits. Last year's figures for the percentage of buck lambs marketed are: 3% for British Columbia; .8% for Alberta; 1.6% for Saskatchewan; 2.3% for Manitoba; 5.8% for Ontario; 24.8% for Quebec; 36.5% for New Brunswick; 23.9% for Nova Scotia, and a whooping 37.7% for Prince Edward Island. These sheepmen are not only losing money themselves but they are hurting the industry by worsening the demand for lamb and mutton, Animals not castrated bring a danger of off-flavor to their meat, and the percentage of cheap more valuable hind pieces. market.

Gift ploughs

IVING a plough to a farmer of Pakistan is like giving a new tractor to a Canadian farmer." That comparison comes from CARE of Canada's mission from CARE of Canada's mission "Here in Canada," Professor chief in Pakistan, and it reveals Thomas said, "with good hay or that we in Canada have plenty silage for winter feeding, toto be thankful for. He says that it takes a good year's work for a Pakistani farmer to earn the equivalent of \$21 — and many in goods.

Since the subscription cost of a CARE plough for Pakistan is \$11, the gift represents more than a half a year's cash earnings. Variations in contribution costs result from difference in plough design and delivery distances, but generally speaking the following figures hold true. In India, a typical recipient would have to work 4½ months to earn the \$14 it costs a Canadian taxpayer to buy the plough for him. In Southern Mexico, CARE's \$17.50 gift plough represents 2½ months' work for the average farmer. In Greece, a farmer would have to work a

full month; in Korea, five weeks. to earn the price of ploughs similar to the \$12 models going to those countries.

Results are readily seen from using the new implements. An Indian farmer conducted a test by ploughing five acres for sugar cane and wheat, while the rest was cultivated with his old plough — little more than a crooked stick.

The sugar cane ploughed with owners have lost money by ne- a CARE plough rose to a leafy glecting to castrate their lamb 24 feet, while the nearby stalks stood to only 10 or 12 feet. Also the wheat yield jumped from about 12 bushels per acre to almost 26 bushels per acre.

Grass — Still

CANADIAN soils professor has returned from the 7th International Grasslands Congress in New Zealand, convinced that good grass pasture, plus ample forage for winter feeding, provides the lowest cost production of meat and milk. Professor N. J. Thomas, of the Ontario Agricultural College, empha-sizes the importance of highproducing grasslands in modern farming

He told the annual convention of the Plant Food Producers of Eastern Canada that New Zealand derives 96% of its income from exports . . . animal and dairy products derived solely from crops of grass and clover, front cuts on the animals in- without the need of supplements creases at the expense of the of grains or concentrates. Bewithout the need of supplements The cause of this New Zealand farmneck becomes thicker, and the ers and scientists co-operate in shoulders rougher and heavier studying new ways of keeping as they grow and feeders have grasslands in good production. difficulty getting them fat for He pointed out that New Zealand's fertility program is based chiefly on lime, phosphates and trace elements, with potash becoming increasingly important. About 10 million acres were top dressed in 1956 using over a million tons of fertilizer, and nearly one-half was applied by airplane.

gether with adequate summer grazing on grass, it is quite possible to obtain 75% to 80% of the dairy herd's total nutriyears longer to save that tional requirements, and freamount; although most farmers quently young growing stock in Pakistan take their earnings obtain 100% of their requirements from forage crops.



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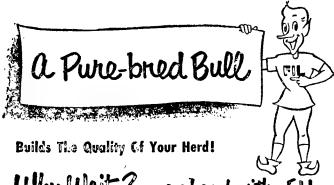
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Gunslinger Cashel, and how the Mounties caught

The Mounties always get their man search of Southern Alberta. A ... they got this one three times!!

by William N. Love

RNIE CASHEL was a young man who tried to catch up with the past. Raised in a small Wyoming town, he poured over the "penny dreadfuls" of the wild and woolly west, and longed for the high adventure of the early frontier days. Perhaps it is not surprising that by his 19th year he wound up with a two-year jail term for armed robbery. This was not what he robbery. expected! High speed locomotives, telephone and telegraph, well organized posses, and armies of federal and Pinkerton detectives had outdated the old and colorful techniques of train robbery that were brought to such perfection by Jesse James. All Mounted Police outposts and the riders of the "Wild were alerted to look for a youth Bunch." The country was be- in a grey coat and riding a darkcoming civilized and there seemed no opportunity for a struggling bandit with big ideas. So

Arriving in Calgary about the middle of October, 1902, he got off on the wrong foot from the start. Cashel forged a check and hit northwestward to prospect, but when his check bounced he was picked up al-most immediately by a constable of the Northwest Mounted Poof the Northwest Mounted Police — Constable Rubbra. This was his first meeting with the famous constabulary, but not his last. The Calgary police chief who came out by train to pick Cashel up, never got him to town. On the return journey the police chief tried to lecture the young man in a fatherly sort the young man in a fatherly sort of way, on the evil path he was treading, and he soon had Cashel in tears. When Cashel asked to go to the "gents" room to wash his face and clean up, the fatherly policeman escorted him to the end of the car and him to the end of the car and place of one of the scattered looking stains on the inside of his guards were placed under then waited outside the door, neighbors, but the cowhand said the coat.

Twenty minutes later, when he had bought it from a young finally looked in he saw an open American on a cream-colored again. Pennecuick followed the west Mounted Police set out to

window but no sign of Cashel. He had made a clean break.

This could be annoying to the Mounties who had to capture him again, but they expected no difficulty at all in bringing in a 21-year-old stranger, who was afoot on the vast areas of the frozen prairies. It was below freezing, and Cashe was without coat, food or a horse. It actually turned out to be actually turned out to be no problem for the young fugitive. He simply walked into the nearest ranchhouse near Lacombe, introduced himself with a phony name, turned on all his charm, and talked the rancher into staking him to a warm coat, food and a horse.

bay horse. No trace was found for a month, then in Lacombe, Constable Alec Macleod heard Young Ernie struck out for Al- from a visiting settler named berta which he considered a new Thomas that a young fellow and untamed frontier of calling himself Ellsworth was promise.

Arriving in Calgary about the middle of October, 1902, he got ed that "Ellsworth" might be dangerous, Thomas rode with Macleod to Belt's lonely homestead on the Red Deer River, 38 miles east of Lacombe. When they arrived they found the house deserted, with the door open to the winter elements. Belt's cream-colored saddle horse, shotgun and revolver all missing as well as Belt's tin money-box. Thomas remembered from his last visit that it usually held several hundred dollars and he had seen Belt put in an American \$50 bill. looked like murder to Macleod's suspicious mind, so he carried out a careful search of the area, the horse, corrals, river bank,

horse. Once he had sold the saddle and spent the night, the lone American had moved west-

Temperatures dipped below zero and the blizzards roared across the plains. Christmas and New Years came and went. A new policeman joined the chase . . . Constable-detective Pennecuick, who had won fame by capturing the infamous triple killer, George O'Brien, in the Yukon. He questioned cow-boys, farmers, half-breeds, In-dians, townsmen, in a thorough clue finally came in from almost his own backyard. A half-breed settlement at Jumping Pound, about 30 miles from Calgary, reported that a young visitor had dropped into their village unexpectedly in the teeth of a driving snowstorm. He was driving an ill-matched team and asked for shelter. He stayed and made a great hit . . . especially with the ladies. He also gave an obliging half-breed an American \$50 to buy some ammunition for his weapons at the nearby trading post, and then took off on the trail again without so much as a farewell. Pennecuick recovered the \$50 bill as well as Belt's corduroy coat which the visitor

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leads westward to the frontier village of Anthracite, now just a spot on the map about two miles from Banff. However, he didn't make the arrest. Young Cashel was spotted by fellow-constable Blythe who caught him in a rooming house. Before he could reach his gun, he found himself looking into the business end of a heavy service revolver. Cashel was 'returned to Calgary in handcuffs where he received his three-year robbery sentence with the sneering remark that he "could do THAT stretch standing on my head.

But the case was far from closed for Pennecuick, who continued doggedly to search for the missing Belt. He went over all the old ground during the winter and in the spring drag-ged and re-dragged the Red Deer River, as well as searched the tangled undergrowth along miles of riverbank. He recalled how George O'Brien of Yukon how George O'Brien of Yukon fame had disposed of three bodies by dumping them in the river. His hard work paid off, when in July he found the body of old Rufus Belt at the mouth of a creek some 20 miles below his ranch. He had been shot through the heart.

This time Cashel didn't grin when he was brought back to Stony Mountain Penitentiary and sentenced to death. His family in Wyoming heard of his plight and sent his elder brother John up to see if he could help. It turned out that he could, but not in the way expected. John had a winning personality and no criminal record so it wasn't long before he had won over the jail guards who allowed him 10 minutes every day with the doomed man.

A terrific blizzard was blowing on December 10th — five days before the scheduled execution when brother John came to make his final visit. The guard sympathetically turned his back when the two brothers tearfully embraced each other through the bars. Half an hour later when the death watch was re-We the understgued hereby declare that judgment lieved, Cashel was ordered into at death was this day executed on ERNEST CASHEL the corridor while his cell was in the july rard at the North West Monoted Police Bar given its daily search. When ordered to return to the cell he F W KING SHOTE HE HAD A SHOTE HOLE WAS ENGETT F. H. and to the R W T SACREMEN MADE.

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"Fast — 1 can't hang any higher for three killings than for one."
He locked up the two guards in his cell and then calmly hobbled down the corridor in his leg irons to capture the desk officer who was soon made to join the others. Then he calmly stepped out into the stormy night.

Severe criticism of the police Belt's saddle wa found in the had traded for a red and white possession of a cowhand on the cape. There were suspicious The prison superintendent and place of one of the scattered looking stains on the inside of his guards were placed under capture the killer for the third

Brother John was no problem. He had been picked up a few minutes after the escape on his way to the prison loaded down with food, ammunition and a must when he comes out."
new pair of shoepacks. He Hay from a nearby stace merely changed places with his brother in the prison, where he

his progress. He stole into an that there was a letter to his third time, and on February 2, outlying ranchhouse where he mother on the floor. When no 1904, Ernie Cashel — the boy helped himself to new clothes, one came to get it, and as the who wanted to be a famous gunleaving an insolent signed note flames blazed higher and the slinger of the frontier West — shattering and is about a day with his clothing. On Christsmas day a note was delivered out for his enemies to hurry besoon hanging lifeless from the to the District Commissioner of fore the paper burned. the Mounted Police, by prison Chaplin the reverend George Kerby, who had received it in the mail. It was written in Cashel's handwriting and said: How are you making it, Mounted Police? I'm still in good shape and expect to remain so in spite of you Mounties. If you do get me, it won't be alive. Just tell Mr. Radcliffe (who was the hangman) to go back to Ottawa and take his rope with him." This didn't help Cashel's case one bit, since by then a \$1,000 reward had been posted and a hundred police had joined the hunt. Superintendent of Police Saunders took personal charge the various detachments working on the case.

Meantime, Cashel kept showing up at ranches in the Calgary demanding food and reading the newspapers. went into a temper when he read of his brother's prison sentence. He turned up at a ranch near Shepard, 20 miles away, to repeat this performance, but this time the police threw a dragnet around the area and began to close in. A posse of armed civilians sworn in as deputies, under the leadership of Inspector Duffus talked to a cowhand on the Pitman Ranch who told of seeing a suspicious stranger hanging around the fields. Duffus divided into two parties, with Constable Biggs taking the other command.

Finding a crumbling shack in a meadow, Biggs waved back the civilians and went in alone. It was empty inside, but he spotted a trap door in the rotting floor. He lifted the door and shouted "Cashel" into the darkness. No answer. Biggs went out to find a lantern and when he returned he laid down his gun while he lowered himself down the hole holding the lantern with his free hand. He heard breathing way down in the hole and turning the light that way, its rays suddenly played full on the pale white face of Cashel.

Desperately Biggs scrambled back out the trap door for his gun, while a shot shattered his lantern. He fired a single answering shot down the hole and slamming down the cover ran out to place his men in a ring around the building.

Being second in command, he waited for instructions from his from within the burning shack. superior officer; but Duffus, being the senior officer and a very onds that seemed like hours, practical man quickly ordered, wondering if the killer "Burn the shack; shoot if you finally taken his own life.

piled on the building and soon his hands over his head and the black smoke was pouring blinded by the smoke. "Don't through the building. Cashel shoot...I'm coming out." Then remained for a considerable through the building. Cashel shoot... I'm coming out." Then term.

eventually began a shouting holding out his hands for the Execution date for Ernie contest from his hot spot to the cuffs, he cried, "Hang me, I'll be Cashel came and went without circle of besiegers on the out-glad to get it over with!" a sign of the fugitive. Later he side. He first cried out that he And they did. The Mounted began to leave a curious trail of was going to kill himself, but Police had caught him for the his progress. He stole into an that there was a letter to his third time, and on February 2,

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Annual Report

The 30th year of Canada Packers Limited closed March 27, 1957. (Hereinafter the year is designated 'Fiscal 1957').

Fiscal 1957 consolidated dollar sales reached a new high of	37,188,000 34,221,000
An increase of \$3 Equivalent to	
Consolidated Net Profit for the year was\$ Equivalent on dollar sales to0.98% Consolidated Net Profit for Fiscal 1956 was	
Equivalent on dollar sales to 1.11% Decrease \$ Equivalent to	239,027

To facilitate comparison with previous years, we include here the tonnage figure. This figure is on the same basis as in previous annual reports and represents the pounds of product sold by the companies primarily engaged in the packinghouse business.

Tonnage (pounds of product sold) Fiscai 1957 again reached a new high	2,435,000,000	lbs.
The previous high (Fiscal 1956)	2,285,000,000	lbs.
Increase	· .	lbs.
Equivalent to	6.6%	

LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY ECONOMICS

Because of the special interest of the livestock producer, a separate accounting is kept of products derived from livestock, which consist of meats and by-products.

On these, profit was	12.9¢ per 100 lbs.
Equivalent to	
OF Zalesangenessandanangananganangananganangananganang	0.42% of sales value

This year's profit on products derived from livestock of 0.42% of sales is unusually low.

For the year under review the distribution of the sales dollar for the products derived from livestock is shown by the following chart:

17.28 cents for Salaries,

78.00 cents to Producers for Livestock





- 3.82 cents for Materials and Packages

- 0.48 cents to Income Taxes

0.42 cents Profi

This story of the year's operation in livestock products can be reduced to still simpler terms if transposed as follows:

TABLE

Packer's selling price \$100.00
Operating expenses (including materials and taxes) \$21.58
Sum retained by Packer as profit
Remainder paid to the Farmer for his livestock \$ 78.00
In this table are the condensed economics of the livestock industry

in this table are the condensed economics of the livestock industry.

The livestock industry is a joint operation between the Farmer, who produces, and the Packer, who processes and sells. Much discussion of the industry seems to take it for granted that the interests of the Producer and the Packer are opposed. The fact is that their interests are not opposed but parallel.

The interest of the Producer is clear. He wishes to get the highest possible return for his livestock.

From the above table it is clear that the Producer's interest demands:

- (1) That the Packer's selling price be as high as possible.
- (2) That the Packer's operating expenses plus profit be as low as possible.

This throws into relief a fundamental fact — (the fundamental fact) — of the livestock industry — the identity of interest between the Packer and the producer, for the Packer strives in his own interests to do just these things:

- (1) To obtain the highest selling price.
- (2) To decrease operating expenses.

Only in respect of the Packer's profit do their interests appear to conflict.

The sum retained by the Packer for profit should be one which the Producer cannot challenge. How much does the Packer receive? No record is available for the industry. However, Canada Packers' result on livestock products for the year just closed is shown in the table above. The Net Profit was 0.42% of sales — equivalent to ½¢ per pound.

The average Net Profit on livestock products for the 30 years since the formation of Canada Packers is less than 1% of sales — or less than 1% per pound. Probably in no other major industry is the percentage of profit so small. It may be asked how the Packing Industry exists, — and even prospers, — on a margin of net profit so much smaller than that of other industries. The answer lies in the rapid turnover of capital. The capital employed in the Packing Industry is turned over several times per year. Therefore, a small percentage profit on sales will result in a reasonable profit on capital.

LIVESTOCK QUALITY

This discussion of the economics of the livestock industry has an important bearing on the problem of livestock quality. For many years these annual reports have stressed the importance of improving the quality of Canadian livestock. Much has been accomplished, but much remains to be done. Let us examine the influence of livestock quality on the simple table which has been used to demonstrate the economics of the livestock industry. Let the following table represent a typical result of a packinghouse operation:

TABLE II

Packer's selling price of meats and by-products \$100.00
Less—Packer's operating expenses (including materials and taxes) 21.0% \$21.00
Less-Profit 1.0% 1.00 22.00
Equals—price paid for livestock \$ 78.00

Now, suppose that by improving livestock quality, the Packer's selling price could have been increased by 10%. The Packer's operating expenses would not change, since they depend on the quantity processed.

The operating statement would then become:-

TABLE III

Packer's selling price of	meats and by-products	A CONTRACTOR OF CAMPAGE CONTRACTOR OF THE CONTRA	\$110.00.
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materials and taxes)	· abovensonessania in in in income a superior in	19.1% \$21.00*	R. Com
Less-Profit			
Equals-price paid for live	estock	makamakan da kana ana aka da	\$87.90
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In other words of the tot	al increase in selling or	rice of the state of	\$10.00

The Packer's share is important to himself. Therefore, he strives constantly to increase the selling price. But it would greatly add to the sense of partnership if the Producer fully understood, when the Packer presses upon him this subject of livestock improvement, that 99% of the added value comes back to him - the Producer.

In our annual report two years ago we recorded the fact that the quality of hogs produced in Canada had steadily declined for several years. Between 1950 and 1954 the percentage of 'A' grade hogs marketed fell from 32.2% to 26%.

During the past two years the trend appears to have been reversed. For the year 1956 the percentage of 'A' grade hogs rose to 28.5%.

This improvement is very encouraging. It has certainly resulted in a greater return to the hog producer.

The Canadian housewife is steadily becoming more discerning and rigid in her standard for lean pork products. Further efforts to improve hog quality will handsomely repay the hog producer.

BEEF EXPORTS

the Farmer receives

the Packer receives

The last three annual reports have mentioned the decline of exports of beef and beef cattle to the United States. This decline has continued to the point where it appears to be an established situation - far different from the pre-war years and the immediate post-war years when heavy exports to the United States were an essential part of the marketing of Canadian cattle.

In spite of the decline in exports, inspected slaughterings of cattle in Canada rose again in 1956 and prices held firm. The table below gives shipments to the United States of beef cattle plus beef (cattle converted on the basis of 500 pounds per head) and Canadian inspected slaughterings of cattle:

TABLE IV

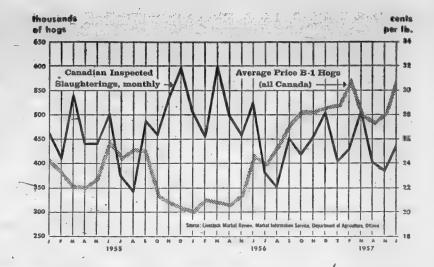
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1950	262,749,000 642,341,500
1951	176,777,000 574,894,500
1952 (2 months).*	5,083,000 618,815,000
1953 (10 months)*	28,771,000 - 734,703,000
1954	35,283,000 817,504,000
1955	18,020,000 851,054,000
1956	13.826.000 937.181.500

- From February, 1952, to March, 1953, shipments to the United States were forbidden because of foot-and-mouth disease in Canada.
- ** Source : Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, Livestock Market Review and Livestock and Meat Trade Report.
- *** Source: Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, Livestock Market Review.

Slaughterings of cattle continue to increase in Canada, at firm prices, despite the steady disappearance of exports. The explanation is that a rising population and a rising per capita consumption of beef are consuming our cattle at home. This is a healthy situation for those Canadians engaged in the raising and marketing of beet cattle.

HOG PRICES

Since the publication of the last annual report there has been a strong advance in hog prices. In 1954 hog prices declined sharply from an average of \$35.09 in May (for B-1 grade, dressed weight) to an average of \$22.86 in October. Similar price levels continued throughout 1955, reaching an average peak market of \$25.97 in June and a low of \$20.34 in December. This relatively low price over such a long period of time discouraged hog production, resulting in lower marketings during the second half of 1956. The effect of these lower marketings was, of course, considerably higher hog prices as shown in the following chart :



This chart shows the usual seasonal decrease in marketings during July and August accompanied by strengthening of prices. However, commencing with September, 1956, marketings dropped below the level of the previous year and have remained below this level to the present. Hog prices have risen correspondingly and sharply above levels of a year ago. It is extremely unlikely that these prices could have been maintained had it not been for the embargo on the import of American pork because of an outbreak of vesicular exanthema in American hogs. During the past fiscal year Eastern Canada hog markets have been above Chicago levels as much as \$10.00 per hundred pounds dressed weight.

Under normal circumstances, imports of American product would have increased the available supply, resulting in lower prices.

Canadian producers have been encouraged by recent prices, with the result that marketings will likely equal or exceed those of last year during the Fall and Winter months.

POULTRY

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One of the most striking changes in the meat business in the past few years is the rapidly growing importance of poultry products. The following table shows the rise in the consumption of poultry in Canada since 1950, and, what is more striking, the increase in marketings through registered stations since 1950 (which might be termed commercial slaughterings of poultry).

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• Source : Poultry Product Market Review, Market Information Section, Marketing Services, Department of Agriculture, Ottuva

This is an important development in the meat industry. It is due to:

- (1) Large-scale and scientific methods of raising and processing of poultry, particularly chicken broilers. The result is lower cost of production and a steady supply, of uniform quality, throughout the year.
- (2) Preparation of birds ready for cooking, attractively packaged.

Undoubtedly the poultry industry will continue to grow, giving very strong price competition to other meats. Canada Packers is actively engaged in all phases of poultry production, processing and marketing.

EMPLOYEE RELATIONS

Directors have pleasure in stating that relations with employees throughout the year have been harmonious and co-operative. They are pleased to inform Shareholders that this co-operation found expression in that most important of all objectives - the steady improvement of the company's products.

Toronto, July 11th, 1957.

W. F. McLEAN.

President.

Comes of this report may be secured on request to Canada Packers Lamited. Toronto 9.



AuntSal

Everyone has problems, We know you've found it so: We'll try our best to help you, Just write and let me know.

There is such a wide variety of questions on hand that I'd better waste no time in friendly chit-chat but roll up my sleeves and get to work.

Q.: Have you a recipe for buttermilk pie? The one I had in mind had no molasses or syrup in it. - (Mrs. F. J., Shaunavon, Sask.)

A.: BUTTERMILK PIE

- 1 thisp, butter
- 2 thisys. flour
- 2 egg yolks
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 cup buttermilk

1 tsp.lemon extract

Blend butter and flour, add beaten egg yolks and sugar together, buttermilk and extract. Line pie plate with pastry, pour in filling and bake in oven 425° for 10 minutes. Reduce temperature to 350 and bake for 20 minutes more. Make meringue with two egg whites and return to oven to bake.

Q.: Do you know of any schools in Edmonton or Calgary where they give courses in cooking? I am a very plain farm cook planning to move to the city to keep boarders and I'm afraid I do not know enough about city cooking. - (Mrs. G. L. V.)

A.: Whenever I want to learn anything about any business concern in a certain city I write to the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce in that city. They can furnish you with in-/ formation on almost anything. But in your case if you're a good farm cook I wouldn't worry one little bit about being able to cook well enough for any city person. You might err in feeding them too well.

Q.: How can one cook turnips that are bitter? (Repeat.)

A.: (From Mrs. S., Winnipeg): Put turnips on in cold water and bring to a scald ... but don't let them boil. Drain and cook in usual way.

Q.: How do you make pictures and flowers of fish scales? (Repeat.)

A.: (From Mrs. S., Winnipeg) who tells us that she uses any fish scales which she uses as one would for any shell handicraft. She washes the scales in several waters then she dyes them by placing crepe paper in the water and leaving in until desired color. After this she dries them on newspaper. Stir often to keep them separated.

Q.: (And now this same Mrs. plenty more."

tion): Could you give me the recipe for "Red River Bannock" used by the early settlers?

A.: I have just a rather vague idea what bannock is but I'm sure someone that is more of a pioneer than I will come forth with help.

Q.: Did you know there is a booklet called Sucaryl that tells how you can safely have sweets even if you are diabetc?—(Mrs. L. A. P., Spirit River, Alta.)

booklet and I would advise any-one who has the problem of cooking for diabetics to obtain a copy from any druggist . . . they can furnish you with the tablets that can safely be used for cooking or canning.

S., Winnipeg, asks this ques- oil refrigerators and deep gallon. One can either just home freezer advertised run by jar or dissolve it in the liquid. this type of fuel over radio station C.F.G.P. — (Mrs. H. L., Nithi River, B.C.)

> A.: I'd advise you to write to the radio station over which you heard it advertised and they can look it up in their files and advise you accordingly.

A.: Yes, I have a copy of this would tell me how much to use per gallon of pickles. — (Mrs. E. telling me if you can supply. L., Bindloss, Alta.)

A.: I admit that I never use alum in my dill pickles, but I know that many do. The rule generally says to place a lump the "size of a pea" per each Q.: Would you know the name quart . . . so I suppose one would of any dealers that handle coal- multiply this four times for a

freezes? Last year I heard of a place the lump on top of each

Q.: Has anyone got the "pea-cock pattern" in knitting, please? If so, I would very much cock like to buy or borrow it. Scotch Lassie, Alliance, Alta.

A.: If anyone has this would you forward to me, please. This lady is an invalid from a stroke Q.: I have been told that to and you'd be doing your good keep dill pickles crisp one should deed for the month if you helped add alum to the juice. Wish you her out. On second thought would tell me how much to use you'd better drop me a card first

> Q.: Could you tell me what spices to use when making your own ground meat sausage? tried some "sausage seasoning put out by a local firm but did not care for this. — (Mrs. R. F., Haney, B.C.)

> A.: Although I've canned quite a lot of sausages I have to admit that I never followed special directions for the seasoning. I seasoned them in various ways mostly with a dash of mustard and sage beside the usual salt and pepper.

Q.: I would like the address of a place where I could sell stink weed seed. — (Mrs. Mfl Lfl H., Enilda, Alta.)

A.: This question really made me open my eyes for I didn't know that there was any de-mand for the seeds for this noxious weed.

Q.: Could you tell me where I could purchase buckwheat flour? We like it so much better than prepared flour for pancakes. — (Mrs. H. R. T., Princeton, B.C.)

A.: I don't know how large your town is but many large food stores sell it. Maybe you'll have to wait until you visit a larger centre and get it at a large food or feed store.

Q.: The last few years I've had trouble with my jars not sealing. I use Gem jars and after leaving the jars over night I take off the metal ring and see if the glass top is on tight. If I don't do this I just invert for leaks . . . (there was quite a bit more to this letter, but I think you get the idea that this lady has followed the procedure of seeking for non-sealing by two methods, and I'm afraid she's been wrong on both scores.) -(Mrs. H.M., Sundre, Alta.)

A .: I can't do better than quote for you from the pages of the best testing kitchen in Can-ada (in my opinion) and they have this to say: "You may have used zinc rings which were old and therefore slightly warped: these would not fit the jars properly. Never tighten a jar after it has cooled completely. This will break the seal that has already formed. Also if you leave your jars inverted until they cool, the seal may be broken when they are turned right side up." Note: I switched to the type of jars with the metal tops some years back and have never lost a jar since.



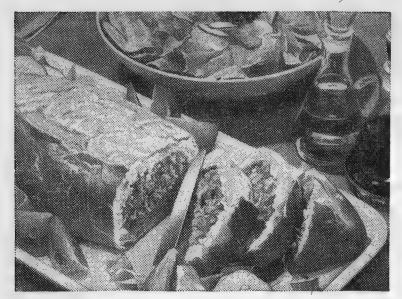
a penny saved...

Whether you're a mother, father, or a grandparent, you know that the old cliche, "a penny saved is a penny earned", is as true as any statement ever made. And the earlier in life the children in your home learn this, the more likely they are to be savings-account addicts !

Allowances are important because they help teach children the value of money. Youngsters learn that if they spend the entire five, or ten, or twenty-five cents they receive regularly for candy, then when they want to buy a coloring book or hair-ribbon or miniature airplane they'll be financially "out of luck".

Besides allowances, there is nothing at all wrong in giving the children tasks to perform for which they will receive small payment. Make it a purely business matter, explaining that if all the leaves in the front yard are raked into a pile, the job will certainly be worth a dime, no matter who does it! And don't be surprised if seven-year-old Tommy or his brother Ned get busy and do the job in double-quick time, not only to please you, but to have the fun of dropping the dime - or better still - ten pennies, into the piggybank that is exclusively their own!

Some adults are notable spendthrifts and seem to be able to do but little to overcome the poor dissipation of money. If a census were taken of people, the ones who were taught the value of money when young are sure to be the ones who watch their finances as adults, and usually have substantial bankaccounts. Savings-bank officials back up the statement made not long ago by one of our leading countrymen that "those who save a little shall get a



Here's an idea...

Ham-Stuffed French Loaf

Preheat your oven to 350 degrees. Prepare minced ham or luncheon meat will be required for a meal of 6 to 8 servings). Cut off one end of a thoughts to a batch of mock loaf and scoop out the inside with a long kitchen fork and tear this into mincemeat. I've made this for Add the crumbs to the mincemeat.

Chop some onion finely and fry slowly in heated butter; add to the meat and sprinkle with green pepper, chopped parsley, salt, pepper monosodium good that it didn't deserve the glutamate, if being used, thyme, sage, cayenne, milk and prepared mustard. good that it didn't deserve the Bye bye good wish. mixture and replace the cut-off end, securing it with skewers. Wrap the entire loaf in foil and bake in the preheated oven until heated through . . say about 30 minutes. Remove the foil and slice the loaf for serving. Pass heated chili sauce.

September is my favorite month, I say it every year; So we offer some suggestions, To bring a spot of cheer.

I sincerely wish there was room to carry all of the personal experience stories that you kind readers send to me. I file these stories away carefully and shall pass them on to the rest of you from time to time. As I so often tell you this is not just "my" page, it belongs to every one of vou.

Some of you have confessed that you have had poor luck in canning corn. Now nothing is more disappointing than to have a home-canned product turn out badly for there is so much time, effort and sometimes experience spent in the process. I have had a good deal of experience along this line... not only in quantity but in small lots that I do especially for experiment purposes so I can share the experience with all the rest of you. Since I acquired a home freezer I admit I've curtailed a good deal of my canning in favor of freezing. But you women who are active farm or ranch wives tell me you have to reserve most of your freezer space for meats and so you still find many foods that have to be encased in jars. And so for the canned corn recipe referred to above

HOME CANNED CORN (Sent in by Mrs. B. R.R., Coaldale, Alta.)

"I learned this way from my mother-in-law. It may sound unorthodox compared to other methods, but it gives marvellous

Then using a blunt implement (such as a wooden spoon) I pound the corn into each jar making sure the milk rises above the corn each time before adding more. Repeat this, leaving plenty of head room for expansion. Then process per usual allowing 3 hours in hot water bath or 75 minutes with ten pounds pressure in the pressure cooker."

My mother-in-law used to come to visit us and asked her usual question? "What can I do to help you?" I'd ask her to please make us a batch of her heard-to-beat molasses cookies. I knew it was no use to ask for her recipe for she was one of those who "bake out of her head" . . . so to speak. I have tried umpteen recipes for molasses cookies throughout the years but never found one that compared with those my mother-in-law turned out. That is until this past month. I found a new recipe that turned out such grand cookies that when my husband Oscar bit into one he exclaimed: "Those are just like Mother used to make' and you know that is music to any wife's ears.

FAVORITE MOLASSES COOKIES

1 cup shortening

11/2 cups pure table molasses

1/4 cup granulated sugar

4 cups sifted all-purpose flour

11/2 tsps. of salt and ginger

2 tsps. of baking soda and cinnamon 1/2 tsp. cloves

1 egg.

Melt shortening in saucepan results. I cut the corn from the large enough to mix the cookies. cob scraping with the back of a Stir in molasses and sugar. knife to get all the milk possible. Cool. Add small amount of sift-

ed_dry ingredients, then beat in Coy. I think the secret was due the egg. Add remaining amount partly to the addition of mo-of dry ingredients, blending lasses. That gave it such a rich until smooth. The rough is very soft so must be chilled for at like to try it this new way. least two hours. Shape in 1inch balls, place on an ungreased cookie sheet and bake in oven of 350° F. for about 15 minutes.

Old cooks know (and new ones must learn) that anything with molasses in it will burn very quickly, so don't leave the kitchen while these are in the oven or you'll regret it.

If your family is small you'll find this a too-big batch, so you'll find it advisable to "half" the recipe, or if have a home freezer this dough takes fine to freezing.

Whenever, at this time of year, I have made all the pickles of the green tomatoes I've raised or had given to me I turn my last year. That turned out so would think it was the real Mc-

color and taste. So maybe you'd

GREEN TOMATO HOT-DOG

Wash and put through the grinder:

3 qts. green tomatoes

1 head of cauliflower

5 cukes

3 green peppers

6 large onions

1 red pepper

Mix the above with 1/4 cup coarse salt and let stand closely covered over night.

Add 1 quart water, rinse and drain, then add:

3 peeled chopped apples

4 cups white sugar

4 cups white vinegar

2 tbisps. celery seed

3 tblsps. mustard seed

3/4 tsp. cayenne

1 tsp. tumeric

11/2 tblsps. salt

Stir over low heat until sugar several years, but I never was is dissolved. Then continue boil-overly fond of the results until ing gently until thickened, about 2 hours.

Bye bye for now, and every

Aunt Sal.



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Solution to the wheat problem?

MANY and varied, and mostly vague, are the wheat marketing opinions in the West, but Mr. Ralph S. Purdy has written a book expounding his

The author in his 80-page book offers a solution to the surplus grain problems plaguing North American farmers, par-ticularly wheat farmers. He attacks present marketing methods vigorously with "a spade is a spade" style, on the premise that there is no world surplus of wheat, only a lack of means of distribution.

Mr. Purdy, former farm boy, salesman, and presently advertising and publicity manager of a Western Canada farm publication, believes that government meddling with the ordinary laws of supply and demand has play-ed a major role in the economic blight affecting our farms. "Al-ways before," he says, "when farmers have been hardest hit it has been through a failing demand for their products during depressions. Never before has our farming population suffered setbacks in the face of booming industrial economy. Why?"

"Because," states the author, "of confused and inadequate policies at government levels, low prices to farmers, deliberately curtailed farm output, stock-piling and the subsidy system."

The only people, Mr. Purdy contends, benefiting from gov-ernment subsidies are the private and pool elevator operators who extort huge storage charges from the farmers. "Producers," he says, "are being led down the garden path. Money they need to pay production costs and provide reasonable profits in return for investment of capital and labor, is being filched from them in a modern version of the old-time confi-dence game." He asks how much longer farmers are going to put up with it.

He suggests they stop put-ting up with it right now and give serious consideration to his Level Payment Marketing Plan. Briefly this is a two-price plan. A domestic price set on a sliding price scale according to sales, starting with an arbitrary price of \$3.00 as per chart below (the figures used are for illustration only):

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	3rd unit 900 bus.	***********	2.00
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Mr. Purdy's "domestic mar-ket" would be that portion required to satisfy human con-sumption, livestock feeds and shrinkage within the country where the produce is grown.

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Wheat other than that needed Profits from for domestic consumption would be disposed of on foreign mar-kets at prices the buyer could afford.

Mr. Purdy's claim is that his plan will increase the income of family type farm operators. It will not penalize larger operators or unduly affect other sections of society; it will impose safeguards against the over-sized land operators, and "Land hogs who represent a serious menace."

This book would have to be read to digest the author's scheme. It seems to be well thought out in detail, and is illustrated with several charts to prove its points. It is a thoughtprovoking and controversial book. There is no doubt that the author is concerned with the plight of the farmer, in particular the smaller farmer, and the trend towards larger and larger farms.

He asks and attempts to answer some pertinent questions, such as:

Why in a period of general prosperity and rising incomes are farm families in North America becoming worse off?

Why is food production restricted while millions of people in North America exist on deficient diets and millions in other countries starve to death?

Why are small and mediumsized farmers being driven off their land?

How can a farmer who purchased a tractor for \$1,700.00 when wheat was \$1.85 per bushel be expected to purchase the same tractor at \$3,800.00 with \$1.50 wheat?

Mr. Purdy, in regard to the last question, recognizes that labor and higher production costs are the reason for this, and this is part of the basis for his argument for a new deal for the farmer.

The book is printed by Pageant Press Inc., 101 Fifth Ave.



Really producing! This cow has had two sets of twins and has recently upped production to triplets. Owner Alex Metro, of Bentley, Alta., describes the cow as a "red beef cow with a white face". The calves are two black heifers with white faces and one bull calf that is all black.

top herds

THE Saskatchewan Dairy Supervisor says that many milk shippers are making the mistake of replacing their poor producers with equally poor producers. Mr. Dave Ewart says that more farmers should make use of artificial insemination centres to beget offspring superior to their dams.

Mr. Ewart points out that in counting feed costs alone, the net returns of a herd of 10 dairy cows producing 10,000 pounds of milk apiece yearly, is equal to 20 cows producing only 7,000 pounds yearly. If labor costs are added to this, the advantage of having a smaller, high-producing herd would be much greater still.

In building a more profitable herd, records of production and feed costs must be kept, and the Province has two services to assist in this field. Under the Dairy Herd Improvement Plan which is restricted to existing associations, a dairy recorder hired by the department weighs tests butterfat month, keeping records of production and feed costs. Farmers not served by the herd improvement use the Cow Testing Plan whereby the herd owner sends weighed samples of milk from each cow to an official testing centre twice a month. owner also keeps milk production records for the month on sheets supplied by the depart-

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The biddy and the bell

IN a recent conversation our talk suddenly turned to hens and their apparently senseless behaviour, and it brought back to me once more the memory of a pet hen I used to own when I was a girl in my early teens and which became probably the only hen ever to ring a bell each time she laid an egg.

we took with us a good sized flock of hens of all breeds and crossbreeds. Few people were particular about pedigrees at the time, and the range of color of our own flock was varied in the extreme and especially at feedby H. Ahr.

ing time, reminded one of an animated flower garden, according to the remark of a neighbor.

We arrived in the late fall so we had to make hasty shelters for man and beast, and when spring came around there was so much to be done that the screen When we moved to our new door which Dad intended to homestead in Saskatchewan in make, took some time before the early days of its settlement materializing. In the meantime we took with us a good sized we often had to shoo some inthe door.

> There was one, however, which was my special pet, on account of her unusual beauty. She seemed to be a cross between a Buff Orpington and natural inclination, but having Barred Rock, for the white in no straw at hand, she grabbed her plumage was of a pale buff color, and on her head was a large graceful tuft of light gray feathers, inherited from such far removed ancestors, that its origin was lost in the passing of time.

I had named her Cutie, and she knew her name so well that, whenever I called her she would come running up to me like a puppy, expecting some tid-bits. She was so tame she let me pick her up and fondle her like a kitten. Our attraction was mutual for she liked to follow me around. On one occasion she followed me to a wild strawthought that would never do so I had to snatch her away from temptation and carry her home. Needless to say she was allowed a few privileges like walking into the kitchen after a meal to peck at the crumbs under the table. This served a two-fold purpose. It fed my hen and it saved me from sweeping many a To a fourteen-year-old at is important. When I girl, that is important. thought the job sufficiently completed, I would pick her up and carry her outdoors before any accident happened to the floor for she had never given proof that she was house-broken, and I did not care to find out.

Yes, but what about the bell ringing you say? I'm coming to that!

One day, she strutted in with a wild look in her eye and completely ignored the table and its vicinity. Cocking her head this way and that, in that manner peculiar to birds she spied a nice merciful removal, so feeling very secluded recess in a corner of the kitchen, behind a piece of furniture. Then all at once she and went quickly over and after scratching a bit, squatted in the corner. We were quite amused for we had a pretty good idea what she was up to, all right!

And before long her victorious cackling verified our supposi-tions. She had laid an egg!

During the following days she was back fairly regularly to re-neat the performance. Seeing her persistence. I fashioned a makeshift nest of rags, for I thought naturally that she, of all hens, deserved better than a hard floor for a nest.

Now, there happened to be a clothesline strung across the room, along the wall and the surplus had been left hanging in that particular corner almost down to the floor, because the arrangement was only temporary and we did not care to cut perfectly good clothesline.

You may have noticed that quisitive old biddy away from some hens have a habit of picking up bits of straw after laying and throwing them over their backs in an instinctive attempt to hide their eggs.

Cutie also seemed to feel this the end of the clothesline and threw it back over her head. It swung back into position. She picked again, and, back again This was repeated it swung. quite a few times. At the same time we noticed that each time she did this, the whole clothesline got some amount of shaking up. One of my brothers men-tioned we should hang a bell up there.

No sooner said than done. They rummaged around for an old sheep bell and fastened it to the clothesline.

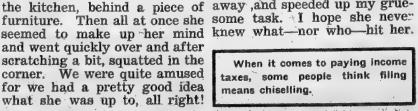
The next time Cutie walked into her corner we all waited berry patch in the pasture some tensely to see if it would work, distance from the house, but I and pretty soon, sure enough, noticed that she seemed to find the bell began to tinkle jerkily tensely to see if it would work, the berries just before I did. I and repeatedly until she presently emerged from her corner, innocently unaware that she had done anything unusual.

She kept this up for nearly three weeks, providing us with merriment each time, until one day she omitted ringing the bell but stayed on her nest all day. When we removed her in the evening, she was clucking. She had become broody! So like the humblest of her kind she was ignominously cooped up, as we did not care for a setting hen in the house.

We had to draw the line somewhere!

That was the end of Cutie's performance as a bell ringer, for she never again showed any inclination to come back to her improvised nest in our kitchen.

It was our firm intention to keep her "until death did us part," but a few years later she met with a painful and hopeless accident which necessitated her much like a criminal I took her away and speeded up my grue-some task. I hope she never





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Cut Alfalfa only once

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Wheat Pool delegates

THE heaviest vote on record elected delegates for 13 subdistricts of the Alberta Wheat Pool, during August. Each year elections are held in 35 of the 70 Wheat Pool sub-districts, alternating between the odd and even numbers. This year only the 13 were contested while 22 others were filled by acclamation. Here are the delegates and their subdistricts:

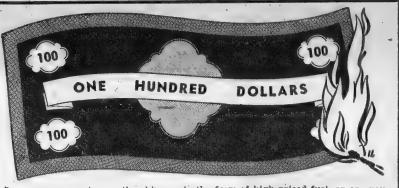
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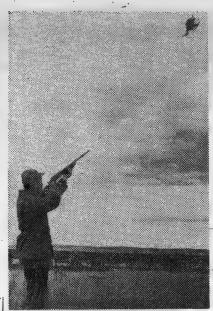




TV horse operas

TELEVISION horse-operas are having trouble with their horses. For the CBS film "Massacre at Sand Creek", one horse had to be rubbed down with milk to reduce the natural sheen of its coat to give it a rough rangehorse appearance. An unexpected blast of a train whistle was the only thing that could make two of the horses rear for a particular scene, and all the animal actors had to be fit-ted with rubber shoes as a safety precaution against falls in the rocky Arizona terrain where the show went before the cameras.

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Ducks for dinner

DROSPECTS are bright for good hunting this fall. The Ducks Unlimited survey indi-cates that Western Canada will send up as many ducks this year as last, despite continued deterioration of surface water in the Southern districts. There is generally good renesting success and this is adding to the big broods of the first hatch.

As of the middle of August, Alberta will do as well if not a little better than last year. Saskatchewan will not be far short of last year's exceptional flocks. Manitoba is all good, and that means the best for several years.

Ducks Unlimited projects and irrigation waters are densely populated with birds in some areas, and a generally successful first hatch gave the broods time to move into these projects before the sloughs on which they hatched dried up.

Irrigated pasture

IF you're lucky enough to have an irrigated pasture, the Lethbridge Experimental Farm has some good pointers based on five years of testing.

In the first place, the relatively high cost of establishing an irrigated pasture with good fences and watering facilities makes it desirable to maintain the productive capacity of the pasture as long as possible. This depends on several factors but the Lethbridge grazing trials reveal that, basically, they all involve weed control.

The choice of the grasslegume mixture is of prime importance, because the less suitable mixtures drop more rapidly in productivity, and they become so badly weed infested that they cannot be maintained any further. Another factor is the use of fertilizers, both natural and chemical, since well-fertilized pastures are almost weed-free. As for moisture requirements, the tests show that pastures require frequent, light irrigations, and failure to meet this requirement will also lead to weed infestations.

In short, the best control method is to maintain a vigor-ous grass growth that allows no room for weeds.

Cut extra hav

THIS summer's short hay crop is causing concern in several quarters, because of a threatened fodder shortage before spring. Increased cattle numbers are adding to the problem. Alberta's Deputy Minister of Agriculture, R. M. Putnam, is still urging farmers to cut any extra hay available in sloughs along side the roads, and any out-of-the-way places in addition to the regular crop. Every farmer should at least make sure that his own supplies are adequate as extra supplies may not be easily available, and as a last resort, he adds, straw can be baled and stored to meet any spring emergencies.

It is also suggested that prairie farmers might be wise to harvest some of their cereal acreage as green feed rather than grain. If a good quality second crop of hay is possible, it can be fed with coarse quality roughage and grain to give live-stock a more balanced ration

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Mouths to feed

The world net population is now increasing by more than 88,000 every day, or by 34,000,-000 each year. Putting this another more more than the state of the state o other way, world population is now increasing at a rate such that each new year the world's farmers must produce an extra amount of food to feed the Sweden, Denmark and Norway all together. And the rate of increase is accelerating all the time. The next twenty-five years are conservatively expected to add another 1,000,000,000 people to the world.







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Cultivated grass

A FARMER of the Stoughton, A Saskatchewan, district is making cultivated grass pay off test will apply this year to all by providing quality livestock contestants in Manitoba and Al-feed, cleaning up weeds ,and

> C. C. Cameron feeds eighty Shorthorn cattle on his two-section farm. 240 acres in cultivated grass were seeded with the basis mixture of eight pounds of brome and two pounds of alfalfa per acre. Another suitable mixture is five pounds of brome, three pounds of crested wheat grass and two of alfalfa. Mr. Cameron's plan involves making cultivated forage a part of his crop rotation, with the grass left for four or five years and then broken up and returned to cereals. This not only adds structure to his soil, but when cash returns from wheat are slow, feeding and finishing cattle on cultivated forage is a big fin-ancial help. "Through feeding grain to livestock", he says, "we always have a few bins ready for the next crop.

Weed control is given careful equivalent number of people attention, and quack grass, now living in Canada, Australia, which is bad in the Stoughton district, isn't given much chance on the Cameron farm. On quackgrass infested land, he uses spike shovels on the cultivator two to three times, going different directions in the field, followed by the one-way every few days. The important thing, he feels, is thorough cultivation during the summerfallow year.

Brome prospects

poor

THE market prospect for brome grass growers on the Prairies is not too good.

Not only is the crop smaller than usual but the record crop of brome being harvested in the United States will depress prices. First estimates by the U.S. Department of Agriculture place the size of their crop at 30,000,000 pounds, or six times the production of last year and nearly three times as big as the long-term average. Prices being quoted for brome seed on the American market had reached an all time low by the middle of August, and since a big percentage of the Canadian brome crop is normally exported to the States, Canadian brome seed growers can expect to see very low prices this fall.

The Alberta Wheat Pool suggests that this may come as a shock to Alberta producers, in view of the fact that the 1957 brome crop in Alberta is considerably smaller than last year. Present indications of price suggest something close to five cents a pound.

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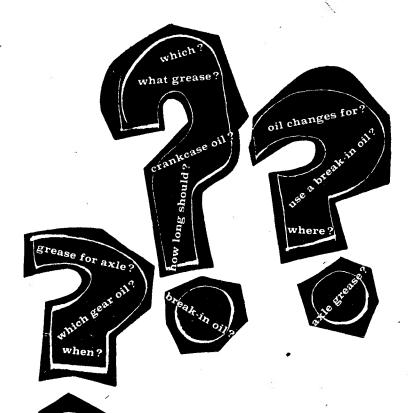
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Hog-barley profits

RAISING hogs is good business for the small farmer. That's the opinion of Jake Brown, farm management specialist with the Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture. He says that the initial investment is not large, it may add to the income from grain, and returns can be expected within a year. However, he cautions there is already a growing demand for sows and feeders and as the hog numbers are increased to meet the high demand, prices will dron accordingly. He repeats the oft-heard statement that the man who stays in hogs through both high and low prices makes the money, and the man who raised hogs last year is being paid off today.

The hog-barley ratio (which is presently 28) seems to be the key to the operation right now. The ratio of 28 means that the value of 100 pounds of Grade B-1 live hog (Wpg. price) equals the value of 28 bushels of No. 1 feed barley (Fort William price). A 200-pound market hog now sells for the equivalent of 56 bushels of barley. Raising the hog only takes 15 to 16 bushels so the producer has a margin equal to the value of 40 bushels to cover his labor, investment and operating costs to wind up with a profit on each hog.

Cash from mustard

RELATIVELY small area along the Alberta-Montana border has run off with the continent's mustard market.

Over 90% of all mustard grown in North America in the past few years was produced on both sides of the line with 75% The acreage of mustard, which is a very specialized but profitable crop, has grown from 100 acres in 1936 to 138,000 acres last year. Until two years ago the annual figure was between 30,000 to 60,000 acres, but a growing market in Japan raised this considerably. Japan's requirements are reduced somewhat this year, but are non-theless considerable. Alberta farmers earned some \$8,000,000 from the crop last year.

South of the border mustard growing has shifted from the more expensive California land to Montana where it has become concentrated. This concentration results from more than suitable soil and climatic conditions. It must be grown under contract because of the special problems of cleaning and marketing. The companies estimate the probable market and determine the safe acreage.

Mustard is not a crop that can be grown in widely-scattered localities across the prairies without creating a lot of problems for all concerned. As it is, extreme care must be taken to prevent seed adulteration.

World's farmers

A sheep-raiser from New Zealand — John Andrews — has been re-elected to his second term as President of the International Federation of Agricultural Producers. Some 3,000 attended the tenth anniversary celebration of the organization at Purdue University in Lafayette, Indiana, last May. next meeting for the Federation, which represents some 35,000,-000 farm families of 25 different nations, will be in October of 1958, in Brussels, Belgium.

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As an example, he stated that the marbling that cattlemen are after is considered undesirable by 4 out of 7 housewives, and there is no desire for it. The one thing they seemed to want in common was "bright red beef", but they also mentioned such nebulous characteristics as "fine texture", "juiciness", "tenderness", "appetizing appearance" and "frankhare" ance", and "freshness".

Mr. Sartwelle observed that the industry should try its best to make sure that the housewife be guided by facts rather than processing various types of honey will by these unfounded hunches. He installed. The Co-op. handles suggested more consumer education by the industry.



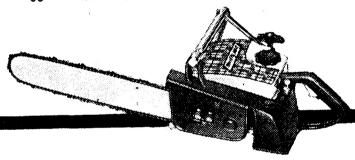
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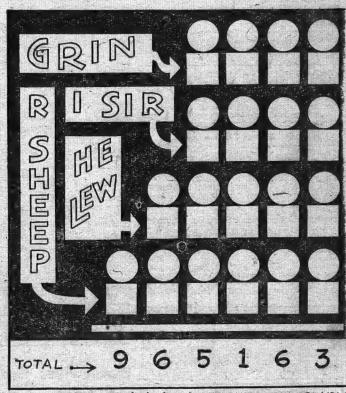
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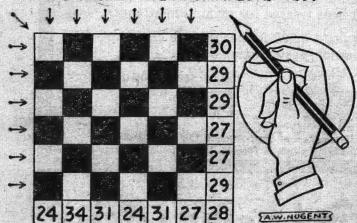
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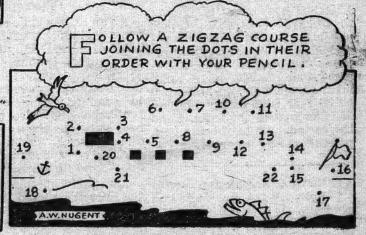
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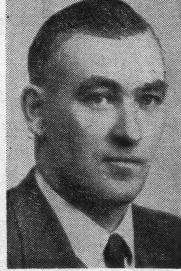
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The quality of Alpha Brand Evaporated Milk can only be good when the raw milk to be processed and placed in the can is of a good quality. We were recently looking over an article published by the New Zealand Journal of Agriculture and we felt that it would also bear a great deal of study by our Patrons and be applicable to concentrated milk shippers to the Condensery. There are many milking methods, however this mechanical one seems to be just what we were looking for.

At the start of a new season a cow should be trained to let down the milk quickly and completely by the establishment of a fixed milking routine, so that the cows are brought into the shed, washed and milked in the same way at each milking. Anything which upsets the cows must be avoided. A brief but vigorous wash, followed by the withdrawal of a squirt of milk from each quarter into a strip cup is the best method of stimulating the flow of milk. This will also help in detecting cases of mastitis early. As the duration of let-down is limited, cups should be put on immediately after the washing and starting process. A good milk flow indicator should be used and as soon as this shows that the milk has slowed to half a pound per minute, the cups should be pulled down until the milk flow again falls to this rate, when they should be removed at once. Massaging of the udder while the cups are pulled down should be practiced only with cows which are known to need it.

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